5.11 Educational and Professional Incentives

5.11.1 The City will reimburse each employee 100% of expenses incurred, up to \$1000 per fiscal year, for registration, tuition, fees, and textbooks for required State certifications or college accredited courses which are either related to or beneficial for the employee's current position or related to or beneficial for a lateral transfer, promotion or other career opportunity within the City service as approved by the Department Director or designee. Of the \$1000.00 amount, up to \$600.00 may be used for non-college accredited courses, Education Units, Adult Education Classes, Continuing membership dues in professional associations, professional licenses, and professional certificates which are either related to or beneficial for the employee's current position or related to or beneficial for a lateral transfer, promotion, or other career opportunity within the City service, as approved by the Department Director or designee. In no event shall tuition reimbursement received from this program plus reimbursement from other educational incentive programs exceed the total cost of registration, tuition, fees, and textbooks. City Policy Manual Section 4.3.1 outlines additional details of the program.